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6/30/03 CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 23, 2003.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a)

Mail Stop Appeal Brief-Patents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the final Office Action dated December 25, 2002 and subsequent Notice of Appeal filed February 25, 2003. This is a request for a one month extension of time from the filing date of the Notice of Appeal, April 25, 2003, to May 25, 2003. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00, the required fee for this extension of time.

Please consider this a petition to extend the time to respond if an additional extension of time is deemed necessary by the Office. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 if such additional extension is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Altera Law Group, LLC

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: May 23, 2003

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